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OBJECT AND FIELD

To evangelize and to supply with the Holy Scriptures and Christian literature in this generation, Russia (old), 185,000,000; [Ukraine, 35,000,000; Poland, 35,000,000]; Roumania, 15,000,000; Bulgaria, 5,000,000; Jugo-Slavia (including Servia), 12,500,000; Czecho-Slovakia, 13,500,000; Greece, 5,000,000; Galicia, 8,200,000; Afghanistan, 6,000,000; in all 250,000,000 people, including 9,000,000 Jews.

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EDITORIALS

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL

"He abideth Faithful." 2 Tim. 2:13.

Our hearts are filled with thanks to the Lord for His goodness and grace toward us. We feel that He has been upholding this work with the right hand of His power and has been most gracious in His dealings with us. Letters from preachers on the field show us how wonderfully God is blessing the work. His blessings are increasing. New workers have been added, the hunger and thirst for the Word of God is greatly increasing, many souls are being saved, and children of God are being strengthened.

It will be well for friends to read thoughtfully the letters of our workers in this issue so that they may see their prayers have been answered and their gifts have been blessed by the Lord. Our friends are praying and wishing for great results and truly the Lord has blessed us.

We are glad to receive so many letters in which friends tell us that they are praying for us. The value of prayer is great. It is the mightiest weapon God has given into the hands of sinners saved by grace. Prayer is the power through which God has accomplished great things on this earth. No greater power has been given a child of God than continual, persevering, persistent prayer. Let us not only pray, but let us also look for the answers. We give our sincere thanks to friends for helping us in this work. Let us continue until the Russian, Slavonic and Greek Catholic millions and the millions of Jews have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Another word of thanks. Friends have been standing with us in prayer for a Bible Printing Plant. God is answering prayer for this Plant. A Christian man has pledged five thousand dollars ($5,000). Another person has sent a thousand dollars. Many smaller contributions have come in for the Plant and the amount is increasing all the time. But the sum has not yet reached $50,000. Will you not join us in prayer that the remaining money will come in very soon,—even speedily, so that the Bible Printing Plant might be established?

If the Plant were established we could send at once millions of Bibles and New Testaments into Soviet Russia and other parts of the field where the hunger for the Word of God is intense. Mr. Prochanoff's letter shows distinctly and clearly what a scarcity of the Word of God exists in Russia,—congregations of one hundred members have only one Bible. This shows the great need of the Bible Printing Plant. We wish that we could answer this appeal at once by sending millions of volumes of Scripture. Join us in prayer for the Bible Printing Plant. We must have it. The need is great. Pray.

Soviet Russia

Many of our friends will be glad to know that in spite of great difficulties the work of the Lord is progressing in Soviet Russia. It has been reported that nothing can be sent into Soviet Russia, but by the permission of the Soviet Government we have a sure way to send material and financial help. This is shown by the letter from Mr. Prochanoff which is printed in this issue. Help has already been sent and received. Moreover, according to information received from the Post Office Department, parcel post is now operating between the United States and Soviet Russia.

Finland

Mr. Dobrinin, our representative for the work in Finland among the Russians, sends us most encouraging letters saying that souls are being saved through the ministry of the Word. He, with others, are having meetings in about eleven places outside of Kellomaki. The interest among the refugees is increasing all the time. Mr. Dobrinin is a chosen vessel for the difficult, but fruitful work. We will tell more about the results in this part of our field in the next issue.

Canadian Office

Our Canadian friends will be glad to know that we have opened an office in Toronto, at 67 Yonge St., (Bank of Hamilton Building). We have received many encouraging letters from Canada and are thankful for the real interest which so many Canadian friends have shown. We know that they will stand with us in helping to send the Gospel to neglected Slavonic millions. We will be glad to have friends visit the office. Pray for this new department of our work.

Baltimore

Mr. Jaroshevich, our worker in Baltimore, has been very active among the thousands of Russians and Poles in that city. There is a real interest in the Gospel message for the meetings are attended by hundreds of Russian and Polish people and also Jews. Many have been converted and some are preparing for Christian work. Others, stirred by the great need for the Gospel in Poland, have returned to their native country to give a testimony to the Gospel in that needy field.

Mr. MacDonald

Our deputation secretary, Mr. MacDonald, in the past months has been attending conferences and speaking on Russia in many places. We are glad to know he has found such great interest in our field among children of God wherever he has spoken. His work has been blessed, and we are thankful for all the assistance given him.

Mr. Enss

It has pleased the Lord not only to increase the number of our workers abroad, but also to add to the working force at home by giving us a most valuable addition. Mr. Enss of Kansas was known to the General Director for many years. By the wonderful provision of God they were brought in touch with each other again after being unable to locate each other for several years. Mr. Enss was born in Russia and has studied there and in other European countries and possesses wide experience in Christian activity. He has had the evangelization of Russia on his heart from his youth. He is engaged in valuable deputation work and is editor of our foreign language magazine in this country. The Lord has blessed his ministry in connection with our work. May we ask our friends to pray for him that his ministry may be greatly blessed.

LETTER FROM KIEFF. RUSSIA

Kieff, Ukraine.
August 1, 1921.

Dear Brother Raud,

I have had news from Brother Zebrowski that you are well and that you are remembering the work of the Lord in our distressed and torn country. (Communications with Ukraine were cut off because of the revolution.) I was very glad when it was told me of your continued love to us in Russia.

I want to tell you that I am working in the harvest field of the Lord in Kieff and throughout Ukraine (population about 34,900,000) as an evangelist and preacher. I am the chairman of the gatherings of evangelical Christians in Kieff and throughout the territory of Ukraine in which are about three hundred gatherings and groups of Christian people. By the mercy and grace of God I have this service from the Lord. I am very much in need of the prayers of Christian gatherings and individuals.

The Lord is doing a great work in this territory. He has sent a hunger to hear His Word and there is a great awakening in Ukraine. New gatherings of Christians are springing up and increasing in size in places where there were no gatherings before. We need the prayers of Christians in foreign countries. Pray for us that the Lord may send us more workers, and pray that He may send us financial help of which we are in urgent need.

I pray you from the heart, will you not try to make it possible, dear Brother, to come here to Kieff? Here you will be able to do much work in teaching the people. We need teachers. It would be good if you could come here in September this year. We have a Conference then of Christians who come together from all over Ukraine. We and all the brethren will be most glad to see you.

Will you not give my heartiest greetings to all the friends,

(Signed)—Vassalli Egoroff.

Mr. Egoroff is one of the strongest preachers in Russia whom the Lord has used for the conversion of many souls. During the war and revolution he was an untiring worker though often suffering from lack of food and clothing. He was preserved by the grace of God in that difficult time. The General Director is especially interested in him because he enabled him to secure his education. They have been cooperating in the work of the Lord for many years. Pray for him and for the workers with him that God may preserve them and greatly use them in these days of distress and anxiety in Ukraine. The way is open for us to send material help there.

God is increasing the number of our missionaries in a remarkable way and we ask our friends to increase in prayer that the financial help may come in to support these honored servants of God.

We should like to thank our friends individually for the names which they have sent us, but we are unable to do so. Therefore we take this opportunity to express our appreciation of their kindness. It is a great help to us to be able to present the need of this vast field to as many Christian people as possible. We should like to know of many others who would be interested.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN A THEATRE IN WARSAW

This letter is from the leader of our work in Poland which has a population of about 35,000,000 people.

Dear Brother Raud, Warsaw, Poland.

The work of the Lord here is going forward in a wonderful way. We have rented a large moving picture theatre and are having blessed gatherings there. Brother Bortkevitch and myself are working together. We are permitted to hold meetings in the theatre on Sundays and Thursdays. A wonderful awakening has taken place in Warsaw. Large numbers come to the meetings and many have already begun to attend regularly. People come and tell us how they have been blessed through these meetings, saying that for years they were looking for meetings like these, but could not find them in Warsaw. Now the Lord has brought them about. In this we see an answer to our prayer that the Lord would send His Word to this city. He is wonderfully answering prayer.

Brother Przeorski sends me good news from Radom. His work is having great success in every way. While he is often busy dealing with individuals, he is especially successful in preaching the Gospel to large numbers. His mother and cousin have been converted. Many have turned to Christ through his ministry. Seeing this wonderful work of the Lord, the Roman Catholics tried to hinder it in every way. Quite a persecution has arisen through this preaching of the Word. Our workers do not attack the Roman Catholics in their preaching but give the Gospel in a positive way.

I have just engaged a good preacher in Posnan who will labor with us in the work of the Lord. He is a thoroughly converted Greek Catholic priest, a professor in the University of Posnan. He will be especially valuable for the work in Posnan. Truly God is blessing this work wonderfully.

Yours in Christ,
W. Zebrowski.

A MIGHTY AWAKENING IN RUSSIAN POLAND

Prague, Czecho-Slovakia.

Russian Bible and Evangelization Society,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Brother Raud:—

Since writing to you last, I spent three weeks in Eastern Poland, within five miles of the new Russian border. The territory has so recently become Polish, and so much of the life has remained unchanged, that it seemed to me like being in Old Russia once more. A descriptive report suitable for publication, with some photographic views, will follow in a few days.

If you have followed the developments in the late peace negotiations between the Poles and Bolsheviks, you most likely know that the larger parts of the Gubernias of Wolhynia and Grodno, and a narrow strip of the Gubernia of Minsk have been given away to the Poles. The work of the Gospel in these parts was started in 1918, by a young man named Niczyporuk, who had previously spent some time in Mr. Prochanoff's Bible School in Petrograd. At a later date the work

was organized by Mr. Egoroff, and it became a part of the movement of Evangelical Christians of Russia. It must be said that the main evangelization efforts have been concentrated on Wolhynia, although a number of believers are scattered throughout the other two Gubernias.

It seems that the Lord Himself prepared the ground in Wolhynia for the preaching of His Gospel. Since the year 1918 the work has grown to such an extent that there are now more than forty towns and villages where there are believers and where the Gospel is being preached regularly. In some of these places there are organized gatherings. New places for the preaching of the Gospel are opening up daily. Even while I was there, numerous requests were received for workers to be sent out.

From the very beginning the work in this region was self-supporting. The brethren gave what they could out of their poverty. There were also, and still are, several men who in their poverty have become still poorer, giving themselves without reserve to the work of the Gospel. It is to the self sacrifice of these men who, under God, have labored so faithfully, that the work owes its present growth. When I became acquainted with these brethren, they had come to the point where they could not any longer carry on the work on a self-supporting basis. The demands made upon them by the work had become too great for their strength because of their extreme poverty. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to be sweeping the country with convicting power. From all sides came requests from groups of people and from individuals who wanted to be taught the way of the Lord, but there were only two men on the field. Now the brethren had to choose one of two things, to appeal for help, or to leave hundreds of hungry souls without the Gospel. Then there was also the need of teaching those who had already become converted.

Feeling that I would have the approval of the Society in the matter, I have undertaken to help these brethren as long as the Lord supplies the means. I have secured five evangelists and one colporter for the work of the Gospel. (In addition to these more workers have been engaged to whom we are sending support regularly as long as the Lord supplies the means.) I have arranged with the brethren to have news from the field sent regularly for publication in our magazine. Seeing that we have come to their aid, the brethren have taken new courage and have decided not to receive financial help that would lead them into entanglements, at the same time expressing the desire to be in fellowship with us. I have also helped them with the initial payments on two new meeting places, in Dubno and Lutzk.

I was present at the opening of the Dubno meeting places, in Dubno and had the privilege of leading the opening meetings. The hall was packed full, not less than 800 people being present at each of the meetings. How attentively they listened, how they hung on every word. I thank God that in this, and many other places I have been able to see with my own eyes the intense hunger for the Word of God. God is visiting the Russian people in mercy. Praise His Name.

In the town of Zdolbunovo the brethren maintain a co-operative store, and I have arranged to make this store our agency for the distribution of Scriptures. Boxes of books have been sent there already from Warsaw, and they are selling very fast.

While I was in Zdolbunovo, the enclosed letter from Mr. Egoroff came from Kieff. I am glad to send it on to you, knowing you will be glad to hear directly from him. I have written to Mr. Egoroff about the work we are undertaking in Volhynia, and have asked him for more detailed informa-

tion about the work in Soviet Russia.

Thank God, the work is growing. May the Lord help us to do all things in the right way, that His work may prosper and that the result may be a large harvest of saved souls.

Most sincerely yours in Him,
Signed—H. B. Centz.

A RECENT LETTER FROM VOLHYNIA, RUSSIAN POLAND

To our Brethren in the Lord,

The Russian Bible and Evangelization Society.

We have had the joy of seeing in our midst Bro. Centz and Bro. Zebrowski, with whom we rejoiced for several days, and were edified by the testimony of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave to these brethren.

Our desire to be in fellowship with the children of God is realized. There was a time when we felt cut off from the rest of the world, but our thought always was to be in communication with those who love the Lord in other places and countries, because we felt the need of spiritual help from more experienced brethren. We have also felt the great need for laborers in the wide field which has opened to us in Volhynia, where in almost every village souls are turning to the Lord, and where from all sides come requests for more workers to be sent forth. Then there was also with us the awful need for the Holy Scriptures, of which we had not a single copy.

We prayed unto the Lord, and He heard us and helped us in our several needs. The Lord heard us and sent to us Bro. Centz, who seeing our needs helped us in many ways,—by the ministry of the Word, by words of counsel, by supplying us with the Scriptures, and by offering to set free several of our brethren for work in God's Harvest Field. For all that was done we thank God, and also you, dear Brethren, for the great help which you gave us in means, as well as in the personal labors of Bro. Centz. We believe the Lord will reward His chosen ones, who gave themselves that they may serve Him. Heb. 6:10. Our desire is, dear Brethren, that also in the future, if it please the Lord to keep us in this world of time, we may be in fellowship with you, and we trust you will not refuse us the same fellowship on your part, because we fully share your principles and desire to be in Christian liberty. Gal. 5:1.

With heartfelt love we are, your brethren through the blood of Christ,

A. Niczyporuk,
V. Kamieniuk.

PASSAGES TO THINK ABOUT

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church; whereof I was made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which was given me to you-ward, to fulfil the word of God, even the mystery which hath been hid for ages and generations: but now hath it been manifested to His saints." Col. 1:24-26.

"For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." Rom. 11:25.

"Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before Him in love." Eph. 1:4.

"And He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all

things He might have the pre-eminence." Col. 1:18.

"And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." Eph. 1:22, 23.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink of one Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:12, 13.

"But God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it; or one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof. 1 Cor. 12:24-27.

"For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another." Rom. 12:4, 5.

"And He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ: till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him, Who is the head, even Christ." Eph. 4:11-15.

HUNGER FOR THE WORD OF GOD IN BULGARIA

Philippopolis, Bulgaria.
August 22nd, 1921.

Mr. G. P. Raud,
156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y., U. S. A.

My dear Brother Raud:—

Your letter of August 5th came while I was away on one of my trips. It was with great pleasure and interest that I read the letter and the "Harvest Field." I am very thankful to God, that He Himself opened up the way. Surely the Lord is in our coming together and I am thoroughly convinced that He is going to bless our fellowship and work together.

Bulgaria is a new country which appeared on the southeastern part of the map of Europe 42 years ago, when it was liberated from the Turkish oppression which had lasted for five centuries.

The Bulgarians are a Slavic race. The government of Bulgaria is a constitutional monarchy with a national assembly.

With an area of 90,276 square kilometers or about 60,000 square miles, and a population of five millions the country is fast developing its resources, agriculture being still the main occupation. The chief products are wheat, tobacco, raw silk, delicious grapes and all kinds of apples, pears, plums, and many other fruits. Rose culture also brings a good annual income to the country. A good school system has rapidly developed, and education is free for all.

The state religion is that of Eastern Orthodox Church, with an Exarch as its chief. Further ecclesiastical authority is vested in the Holy Synod, which holds its sessions in Sophia. The

services of this church continue to be rendered in the Slavic language, which can hardly be understood by the people. The truth of the Gospel is crowded out by many superstitions, to which the older generation clings tenaciously. The worship of saints and of the Virgin Mary, lighting of tapers and other devotional practices take place of worshipping the living God in spirit and in truth. There is no public exposition of the vital teachings of the Scriptures; and almost nothing is done to check the growing immorality of the people. The rising generation is fast losing confidence in the superstitious rites and practices of the church; and although they still call themselves orthodox and adhere to the national church, at heart many of them are unbelievers. Infidelity and Socialism are rapidly gaining hold of both the intelligent and the lower classes, and are the great menace to the life of the National Church. It is hardly necessary to speak of the critical times through which Bulgaria is passing; we all know it.

We are waiting to see whence will come the deliverance of this tortured, but promising Bulgarian nation. But what is our share as children of God and preachers of the Gospel? The answer is: we must be heard and seen. That is expected of us. We must be heard through the bugle-like preaching of the Gospel for the salvation of sinners, and be seen by our pure and godly life till the love of God begins to burn in the hearts of the people and they become people of God.

Even with the dark background of the past, I believe that our Russian Bible and Evangelization Society never had a greater opportunity for saving Bulgaria than it has today. I might make the statement still stronger by saying, "and never before so bright a prospect." The last sad years have created a sympathy for the Gospel that it would have taken years to develop by some other means. Bulgaria wants the old Gospel and Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the Very God. I am going from place to place among these five millions of people, preaching the Gospel in halls, theatres and in the open air, and I tell you, the hunger for the Word of God never before was so great as it is now. Now is the time to give Bulgaria the Gospel of Christ. There is only one thing needed, and that is a deeper sense of our opportunity and obligation and at the same time a complete consecration to the work. Can we measure up to the opportunity before us?

Our need,—Bibles and Christian literature, a strong Christian magazine, Bible courses and evangelistic trips. We will pray and hope that the Russian Bible and Evangelization Society will be used by our God and Master for salvation of souls in Bulgaria.

Give Them the Bread of Life

Doors are opened on every side. Hungry souls are stretching their hands for the Bread of Heaven. The Bulgarian needs God and the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. I have today received a letter from a priest asking me to go to his town and preach the Gospel. A lawyer (Greek Catholic) from Tafardjik, a large town, begs of me to go there and hold meetings in the largest theatre. Many young men have promised to attend our Bible course. We have established a prayer circle. Every day at one o'clock we go to God in prayer. We pray for the work of our Society and for the evangelization of the Slavic nations and for the good people in America who are supporting the work of our Society by their help.

We must have a Bible store here and a hall for preaching. The Government gave me a license to preach everywhere—in open-air meetings, in halls and other places.

We ought to start a strong evangelistic paper at once. Let us have

great faith and give ourselves with undivided devotion to the work of the Master Who has called us. He is putting before us tremendous problems and immense opportunities. My constant prayer is that we may have the vision and the courage of faith to measure up to the divine call. If the people in America know the spiritual needs of this nation, oh, they will pray and give more and more, until the millions of Slavic souls be saved through the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To give the Gospel of Christ, to preach it, to lead souls to Jesus—that is the problem and opportunity before us. With the words of Paul, "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" "Give them to eat!"

Everywhere the story has been the same. All the meetings attended by crowds, which often could not be fully accommodated.

Give us Bibles, give us Christian literature, give us Christ. This is the cry from New Bulgaria. Pray for us.

Yours sincerely,

Signed—Paul L. Mishkoff.

Mr. Mishkoff is the leader of our work in Bulgaria and has been called the Moody of that country.

PRAYER

WHERE TO PRAY

In Secret. Matt. 6:6, 2 Kings 4:33. The very first instructions given by the Lord Jesus regarding prayer were that it should be in secret.

In the House. Acts 10:9, 30, Dan. 6:10, Acts 12:12.

In a Solitary Place. Mark 1:35, Matt. 14:23. In a mountain apart. It was a favorite practice of Christ's to resort to a mountain to pray.

In Time of Special Need. Acts 16:25, Acts 12:5.

Everywhere. 1 Tim. 2:8. In any and every place prayer may be made. The spirit, not the place, is important (John 4:21, 23).

AT WHAT TIMES WE SHOULD PRAY

Daily. Dan. 6:10, Psa. 55:16, 17, Acts 3:1, 10:9, 30. Old Testament saints and apostles prayed three times daily—at morning, noon and evening.

In the Early Morning. Psa. 119:147, Mark 1:35, Psa. 88:13, Psa. 5:3.

At night. Luke 6:12, Acts 16:25.

All the Day. Psa. 88:1, 25:5, Psa. 88:9.

At Meals. Matt. 14:19, 1 Tim. 4:4, 5; Acts 27:35.

Continually, Evermore. 1 Chron. 16:11, Psa. 105:4; Hos. 12:6.

Always. Luke 18:1, 21:36, Eph. 6:18.

While He May Be Found. Psa. 32:6, Isa. 55:6. There is not an hour in our life when we may not seek God in prayer and call upon Him. Still these passages show that there should be regular recognized times for prayer as well as special seasons.

IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD WE PRAY

In the Day of Trouble. Psa. 50:15. See as examples of such, Jonah 2:1, 4:2, Psalm 34:6, 107:13, 19.

When Sick. Psa. 30:2, 2 Kings 20:2, Rom. 8:11.

In Affliction. Psa. 22:24, 25:18, 2 Chron. 33:12, 13.

In Trouble or Distress. Psa. 18:6, 86:7, 107:6, 13.

In Danger. 1 Sam. 7:5, 2 Kings 6:17, 18; 19:15.

When Overwhelmed. Psa. 61:1, 2; 142:1, 2, 3. Jonah 2:7.

When all earthly help fails. Psa. 142:4, 5. Psa. 60:11.

When Brought Low. Psa. 142:5, 6. When having wandered from God. Deut. 4:27, 28, 29, 30. In any and every time of need we should pray to God. Sickness, sorrow, suffering, trial, persecution, temptation, should all lead to earnest prayer.

SOME RESULTS OF PRAYER

James 5:16. It "availeth much." See 1 Kings 18:37, 38.

John 14:13, 14. Whatsoever is asked will be done. There is no limit to what God will do in answer to prayer. Jer. 33:3.

1 John 3:22, 1 Chron. 4:10. The very thing asked for will be granted. James 5:17, 18, are examples of such definite answers.

1 John 5:14, 15. Anything according to God's will will be given.

SOME EXAMPLES OF PRAYER

Gen. 18:22-33. Abraham.
Exod. 32:31, 32; Num. 14:13-19. Moses.
1 Kings 18:36, 37, 42, Elijah.
2 Kings 4:33; 6:17, 18. Elisha.
2 Kings 19:15-20; 20:2. Hezekiah.
Jer. 32:16-25. Jeremiah.
Daniel 9:4-20. Daniel.
Jonah 2:1; 4:2. Jonah.
2 Chron. 33:11, 12, 13. Manasseh.
Neh. 1:4, 6; 2:4. Nehemiah.
1 Chron. 4:10. Jabez.
Col. 4:12. Epaphras.
Acts. 4:24-31. The Church.
Eph. 1:15-23; 3:14-21. Paul.

Many more might be mentioned, but these are a few worthy of study, to see how these men of God prayed and for what they prayed, and how God heard and answered. Our Lord said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint," and if we have not the blessings we need, the reason is, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." "Pray ye."—*Selected.*

FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA

Russia as a nation has never had the message of salvation. Tyranny and despotism characterized the very beginning of the so-called Christian religion in Russia. By the authority of a prince she was made "Christian," hence the freedom and liberty of true Christianity are not found there.

In the tenth century the Grand Duke Vladimir, stirred by religious impulses, adopted as his own the Greek form of faith. He made this choice at the advice of envoys whom he sent to various countries to investigate different religions. They were most favorably impressed by the service in the church of St. Sophia at Constantinople. As soon as Vladimir himself was baptized, preparations were made for the baptism of the people. At a given hour all the inhabitants of Kieff—men, women, and children—were commanded to descend into the river, while the Greek priests chanted prayers from the top of the cliff on the shore. Thus the Russian nation became a Greek Catholic country by the command of a prince.

To many Russians worship is chiefly reverence of ikons (images) and the performance of numerous ceremonies; therefore, Russia is still in great darkness and superstition. Evangelical work in the past has made little progress because there was no religious freedom. What is said of Russia's religious condition is also true of the other Slavonic and Greek Catholic countries of our field, namely, Roumania, Bulgaria, Jugo-Slavia (including Servia), and others.

QUALIFICATIONS OF GOD'S SERVANTS

"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the Word of Truth" (2 Timothy 2:15, R. V.).

"The Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves" (2 Timothy 2:24, 25, R. V.).

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

"We are ambassadors, therefore, on behalf of Christ, as though God were intreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20, R. V.),

"And working together with Him, we intreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" (2 Cor. 6:1, R. V.).

In these four texts we have four definitions of the Christian—a workman, a servant or bond-servant, a witness, and an ambassador. God's messenger is God's mouth-piece by which he conveys His message. It is his function to deliver the message, not to alter or invent. He must therefore know his message, and understand his message.

The messenger is to be a WORKMAN. Three things are needful for him: (a) he must be approved unto God; (b) he must be one that "needeth not to be ashamed," either of his Employer, his work, or his methods; (c) he must be skilled in his work, "handling aright the Word of Truth." It is essential for the messenger to know that he is sent in the power of the Holy Spirit, and has, therefore, His help (Rom. 8:26). He must be conscious of the dignity of his calling as a fisher of men; this will give him the tender sympathy and spiritual tact with which all individual work must be done.

Accurate knowledge of Scripture is most essential, in order to handle it aright, to know what to quote and why to quote. Besides the literary knowledge of the Bible, the workman must have spiritual insight, to speak things, for, as Saint Paul says, "We speak wisdom among the perfect, yet a wisdom not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age" (1 Cor. 2:6, R. V.). So, then, the whole message must be first taught of the Spirit, and clothed in words given by the Spirit, that it may be delivered in the power of God. God appeals to faith rather than to human reason. Abraham believed God without question, and this was "reckoned to him for righteousness."

The SERVANT or BONDSLAVE. This is a favourite definition of the Christian. Four of the five writers of the Epistles use it of themselves—St. Paul, St. Peter, St. James, and St. Jude; while St. John of himself in the same terms in the Book of the Revelation. The term conveys and expresses the thought of redemption. The slave is bought out from the ownership of sin, into the ownership of Christ, which implies absolute submission to the orders and Will of the Master. "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20). As a bond-servant of Christ—

(a) "he must not strive"; no contention is permissible in the service of the Prince of Peace.

(b) He must be "gentle towards all"; his disposition and attitude is to be compassionate and patient, not forcing the truth on others, not compelling the will.

(c) "Apt to teach"; skilled to impart instruction, rather than merely to assert.

(d) "Forbearing, in meekness correcting those that oppose themselves"; there will be prejudice, ignorance, preconceived ideas of God and the Gospel to be overcome. Hence the need of wisdom, not so much to attack prejudice directly, as to introduce to the mind what will dispel ignorance, and give right ideas of God and the Gospel.

WITNESSES. A witness is one who

has to give testimony as to what he has seen or heard. He is not expected to say what he thinks or feels, believes or imagines. That cannot be received as evidence. Facts alone must be stated, and be truthfully stated. Then he must be able to stand the severest cross-examination in order that what he says may be tested. If he can be made to contradict himself, his evidence will be discounted and made worthless. The Lord has committed His Gospel to His disciples as His witnesses. He is silent; no voice from Heaven attests any statement concerning Him. He speaks through His people's lives, as well as their words. "A true witness delivereth souls," says Proverbs 14:25.

AMBASSADORS. This is a word with a very full meaning, possibly conveying deeper lessons to us in these modern times than when used by the great Apostle. The true ambassador is the bondservant of his sovereign and of his country. Certain features characterize his position and personality.

First. He must be chosen as a fit person for the post by the head of his government; he cannot appoint himself.

Secondly. He must receive his instructions from the head of his government, and cannot act independently of them.

Thirdly. As an ambassador residing abroad, he is still a citizen of his own country, and not of that to which he is sent.

Fourthly. The residence of an ambassador is, for the time being, part of the soil of his own country. Over the building floats his country's flag. No officer of another power can cross the threshold to arrest anyone who can claim the protection of that flag. The laws of his country are the laws of the embassy house.

Fifthly. All insults offered to an ambassador are made to his sovereign and his country, and will be avenged by his country, and not by the ambassador himself.

Sixthly. The ambassador's duty, includes guarding the interests of his country abroad, watching all legislation, lest any new laws should be prejudicial to those interests, and, as far as possible, procuring such modifications as shall conserve those interests.

Seventhly. The recall of an ambassador during a dispute means a declaration of war.

"We are ambassadors, therefore, on behalf of Christ." He has chosen us, and appointed us to represent Him in this world, where we shall always be strangers and foreigners. He is the Sovereign Whom we represent. His Government is the Government of Heaven, a Government of Righteousness and Peace. "As though God were intreating by us." Behind us is God—an intreating God—a gracious God—a righteous God: "therefore," wrote St. Paul, "we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God."

God's ambassador speaks with the authority of his Master. Some day the ambassadors will be recalled in a body, and what will that mean? That further action must be taken with those who have refused to be reconciled to God. This is described in 2 Thess. 1:7-10, where the Lord is spoken of as descending, "taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel."

In conclusion: let all workers ponder over these remarkable words of the Lord, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me." Here is our authority to represent Him, and to present the Gospel with assurance of its effectual working, if only received as His.—*Selected.*

A LETTER FROM PETROGRAD, RUSSIA

The following letter was recently received from Mr. Prochanoff, who was put in prison in Tver, Russia, in May. He is now out of prison by God's grace in answer to prayer, and is writing from Petrograd, Soviet Russia. He is the leader and chairman of the All-Russian Evangelical Christians in Russia. The General Director has been co-operating with him in Christian work in Russia for many years.

Mr. G. P. RAUD, Petrograd, Soviet Russia, July 12th, 1921.
Russian Bible and Evangelization Society,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., U. S. A.

MY DEAR BROTHER RAUD:—

Your letter of 28th of May reached me safely. Several weeks ago I sent you a letter and I hope that you have received same. **I am very glad to learn that you have founded the Russian Bible and Evangelization Society for providing us with Bibles and New Testaments. We want millions of them.**

No greater service can be rendered to our Russian people than sending to us the necessary quantity of sacred books. There is a great thirst for the Gospel truth among our people at the present time. We are quite powerless to satisfy all the demands for Bibles and New Testaments. What the scarcity is—you may judge from the fact that **in some places a congregation of one hundred members has one Bible.**

If you have Bibles and Testaments at the present time please send them at the address——. They have the permission by the Soviet Government to forward the books to Petrograd.

Beside Bibles and New Testaments there is a great lack of hymn books.

I composed a hymn book of my own original songs, consisting of 200 hymns. These hymn books are quite out of print. Demands come to us daily from all sides of the vast country. **In some places the whole churches have only one hymn book.** Can you organize to print these hymn books in a great quantity, and to send us here at the above address? Please write me at once. If you can undertake printing these books I will send you the text and you will proceed.

If you succeed in printing these books and sending us the books with Bibles (millions of Bibles and New Testaments), it will be the greatest service that has ever been rendered a nation in the world.

If we had now a million pocket Bibles and a million New Testaments and a million of hymn books, we would be very soon the witness of the greatest spiritual awakening in the world.

Thank you very much for the expression of your sympathy with the great trial which I experienced by God's will. [His wife succumbed to typhus and starvation last year.]

God is blessing the work of our co-operation. We have much joy. May God bless your efforts.

Yours in Christ's love,

Signed, I. S. PROCHANOFF.

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RUSSIAN HEBREW MISSION

Our workers on the field have gone among the Jews as well as the Gentiles preaching the Gospel to both alike. Jews as well as Gentiles have been saved. We are now undertaking, after much consideration and prayer, a definite work for the nine million Jews on our field. This branch of our work is known as The Russian Hebrew Mission. This Mission has been on the heart of the General Director for over twenty years and after much waiting on the Lord this special work was brought about when the Russian Bible and Evangelization Society was founded in 1919. We believe this is the first work in America undertaken to evangelize the Jews in Russia, Poland, Ukraine and adjacent countries where there are nine million of God's Chosen People. By the grace of God we expect to have soon special workers for them on the field. "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Rom. 11:5.

"Brethren, my hearts desire my supplication to God is for them, that they may be saved." Rom. 10:1.—*Ed.*

RUSSIANS LEAD FOREIGN BORN IN NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA

Washington. Aug. 16. Russians predominate in the foreign-born population of New York and Philadelphia, according to Census Bureau statistics today.

Of New York's 1,991,547 foreign-born white citizens, 479,767 are Russians, and of Philadelphia's 397,927 total the Russians number 95,285. Pittsburgh with a total foreign-born white population of 120,266, also has a large percentage of Russians, 13,837—but the Germans lead with 16,028.—*New York Times.*

RUSSIAN SCENES

"Little Russia (a section in southern Russia; Life here is paralleled throughout the country.) is a great place for holidays, and forms an ideal retreat for those who do not believe in too much work. In some parts of southern Russia there are as many as 180 holidays a year, "when it is a sin to work." In north Russia, where the soil is frequently very poor and the climate severe, this zeal for the worship of the Saints leads to a great deal of poverty, and the same would be the case with Little Russia were it not for the extreme richness of the black earth which produces everything in abundance.

How many Saints' days and holidays there are in Little Russia I am unable to say with accuracy, for they vary according to each government, and the piety, or, rather, superstition, of its inhabitants. But they are very numerous, and so long as this is the case, the Little Russian peasant, in company with his compatriot in the northern governments, will never be blessed with too much of this world's goods.

The Little Russians are also noted for their great faith in the saints, although it must be confessed that their religion is mixed with a very plentiful admixture of superstition of the darkest kind similar to that which obtained in England and France during the Middle Ages. The following anecdote gives one a better idea of the confused religious ideas than anything I know:

A Cossack once, whilst riding alone in the country, was suddenly overtaken by a violent thunderstorm. The lightning flashed around him, whilst his ears were deafened by the violent crashes of thunder, which thrilled him with superstitious terror. "Holy St. Nicholas, great, holy, dear St. Nicholas!" he prayed, "my beloved patron, save me in my dire need, and I will give you as many candles as I can get for this horse I am now riding on!"

The partron Saint, influenced by this generous offer, protected the Cossack from the dangers that encircled him.

On the following day our friend the Cossack was seen busy in the marketplace. He was leading a horse by the bridle, and carrying a cock under his arm.

"What are you selling, Cossack?" inquired the people.

"A cock and a horse," he replied. "But I will not sell one without the other."

"How much do you want for them?" inquired a would-be purchaser.

"I want 200 roubles ($48) for the cock, but you shall have the horse for 30 copecks (15 cents)."

The Cossack soon found a buyer, and, faithful to his promise, he went and purchased wax tapers for 30 copecks, which, with the greatest reverence, he lighted before the ikon of the holy St. Nicholas.

Christmas is a season of special rejoicing. On these occasions, all the members of a south Russian household attire themselves in their finest linen apparel, whilst the holy ikons (obrazee) are gaily dressed with ribbons, roses, and beautifully embroidered towels with lace edges. Candles and tapers of various colors are also placed before the ikons, before which everyone entering a cottage makes a deep obeisance, and crosses himself devoutly.

A stranger, on studying their quaint superstitions and beliefs, must admit that they are still pagans in many respects; for they observe most of the old customs that obtained in Russia among their Scythian, Sarmatian and Gothic forebears. They greet the approaching spring with songs of surpassing beauty and interest, with games, ring-dances and various quaint ceremonies, which may have been introduced among them by the ancient Greeks, whose commercial relations and intercourse with South Russia before the Christian era were probably far more intimate than they are now. It is astonishing that the strict observance of holidays and feasts in Little Russia goes hand in hand with the wildest and most strange superstitions.—*Selected.*

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"On reaching my home last evening with one more copy of the Word of God (am gathering all the translations) I found your paper "The Russian Harvest Field". On looking it over I read therein of people in Russia, whole congregations, with but one copy of the Word of God among them all. I felt very much condemned. In my home alone there are more than twenty-five copies of God's Word in one form or another. That is,—my family have Bread with abundance to spare whi'e these poor people are perishing with hunger.—I am also putting your great cause on my prayer list."